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Title: METHUSELAH GENE, COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS OF USE

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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- Postcard.

The prior application is assigned of record to California Institute of Technology by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on October 4, 1999 at 10280/0392.

This application is a divisional (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/370,098, filed August 6, 1999, which claims priority from U.S. provisional application serial no. 60/095,826, filed August 7, 1998. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

This application presents claims corresponding to non-elected claims 16-18 and 48-52 from the parent case. This application is entitled to small entity status, established in a prior application and still proper.

There are 8 claims in this application, 2 of which are independent.

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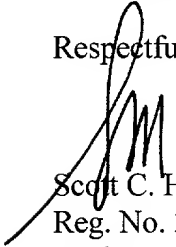
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The Sequence Listing being filed herewith in the above-referenced divisional/continuation application, is identical with that filed in U.S. Serial No. 09/370,098, from which this present application claims priority.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(e), please use the computer readable form filed in U.S. Serial No. 09/370,098 as the computer readable form for the instant application.

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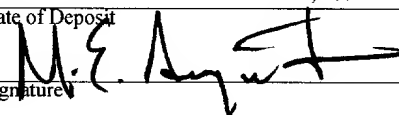
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